COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

SETTING RATES AND TERMS)
AND CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE)
OF ELECTRIC POWER FROM)
SMALL POWER PRODUCERS AND)
COGENERATORS BY REGULATED)
ELECTRIC UTILITIES)

CASE NO. 8566

F. BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION, GREEN RIVER ELECTRIC CORPORATION, HENDERSON-UNION RECC, MEADE COUNTY RECC, JACKSON PURCHASE ELECTRIC CORPORATION

ORDER

On August 9, 1984, Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers"), Green River Electric Corporation, Henderson-Union Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and Jackson Purchase Electric Cooperative Corporation filed a motion for extension of time to respond to the Public Service Commission's Order requiring each covered utility to file a study of how it intends to identify, evaluate and incorporate power from Qualifying Facilities ("QFs") in its generation planning requirements. In support of its motion, Big Rivers contends that it is currently exploring various alternatives in regard to its disposition of D.B. Wilson Unit 1. Big Rivers states.

Whether all or a portion of that capacity [D.B. Wilson] is incorporated into the BREC system will radically affect the outcome of the study BREC must prepare by October 1, 1984, and could consequently have a substantial impact on the capacity rates which could be offered to a QF.

Therefore Big Rivers and its member distribution cooperatives request that the Commission grant an extension of time until 90 days after the final conclusion of the Big Rivers rate case, Case No. 9006, in which to file the required study.

In the final Order in this case, the Commission levied the study requirements on the covered utilities to insure that adequate consideration was given to the role of QF power in the utilities' long range generation planning. The Commission concurs with Big Rivers' assertion that changes in the status of D.B. Wilson Unit 1 could have a major impact on avoided capacity rates and hence on the role that QF power can play in Big Rivers' long range generation planning. The Commission is of the opinion that the unsettled situation concerning the unique status of D.B. Wilson Unit 1 in Big Rivers' long range generation planning could frustrate the very objective that the Commission was attempting to achieve with the study. Therefore, the Commission will grant the motion of Big Rivers and its distribution cooperatives for extension of time to file its study.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the motion of Big Rivers and its member cooperatives be and it hereby is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Big Rivers and its member distribution cooperatives shall file the aforementioned study 90 days after the issuance of the final Order in Case No. 9006, regardless of any appeals taken.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7th day of September, 1984.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Acting Secretary